



**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

June 29, 2015

The Honorable Robert Hertzberg  
California State Senate, Governance and Finance Committee  
State Capitol, Room 408  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Support for AB 88 (Gomez) – Sales and use taxes: exemption: energy or water efficient appliances**

Dear Chairman Hertzberg:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I am pleased to support AB 88 (Gomez). This bill would establish a sales and use tax exemption on energy and water efficient appliances that are purchased by a public utility and provided at no cost to low income participants that are enrolled in a federal, state, or ratepayer-funded energy efficient program.

AB 88 seeks to provide a sales and use tax exemption for energy or water efficient appliances provided free of cost to eligible low-income utility consumers. This bill helps further California's environmental and energy efficiency goals by reducing energy and water consumption, while reducing costs for a greater number of low-income Californians.

Long Beach, through the City's Gas & Oil Department, offers energy rebates to residential customers performing whole-house energy conservation projects that qualify under the Energy Upgrade California Program. These are in addition to rebates offered by SCE and LA County under the same program. Long Beach also supports water conservation efforts.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 88.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Ricardo Lara, State Senate, 33<sup>rd</sup> District  
The Honorable Janet Nguyen, State Senate, 34<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Isadore Hall, III, State Senate, 35<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Anthony Rendon, State Assembly, 63<sup>rd</sup> District  
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70<sup>th</sup> District

